



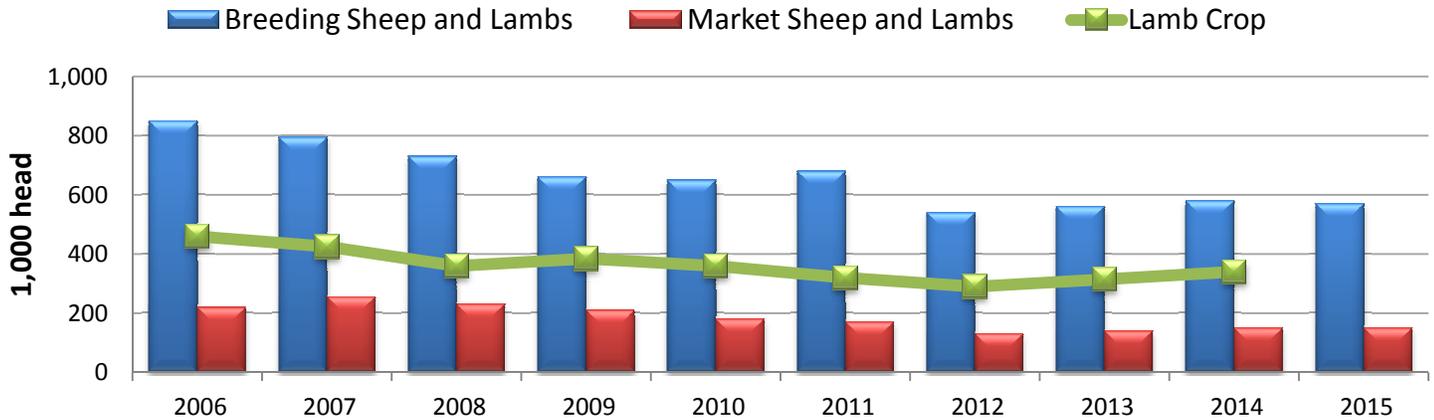
# Texas Sheep Inventory

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## Texas Sheep and Lambs, January 1 Inventory and Annual Lamb Crop



**Texas Sheep:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 720 thousand head on January 1, 2015, down 1 percent from last year's level of 730 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 570 thousand head, down 2 percent from 2014. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 1 percent, at 435 thousand head. Replacement lambs were unchanged from last year at 105 thousand head. The 2014 lamb crop at 340 thousand head was up 8 percent from 2013.

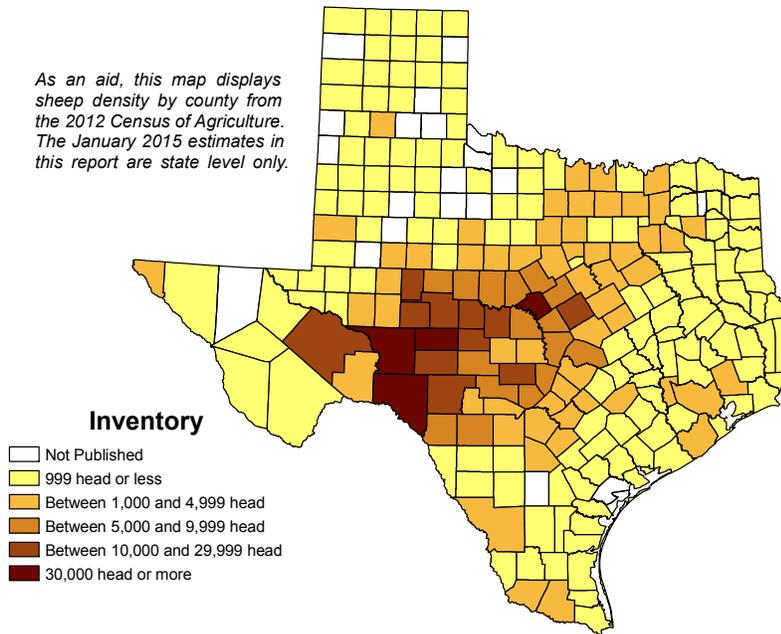
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were unchanged from last year, totaling 150 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 15 thousand head, unchanged from 2014, while lambs for market totaled 135 thousand head, also unchanged head from last year.

### Texas Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2013	2014	2015	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs .....	700	730	720	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs.....	560	580	570	98
Ewes 1 year and older.....	420	440	435	99
Rams 1 year and older.....	30	35	30	86
Replacement lambs under 1 year old .....	90	105	105	100
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	140	150	150	100
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	10	15	15	100
Lambs under 1 year old.....	130	135	135	100
Under 65 pounds.....	80	90	80	89
65-84 pounds.....	25	20	25	125
85-105 pounds.....	10	10	10	100
Over 105 pounds.....	15	15	20	133
Lamb Crop .....	315	340		

## Texas Sheep and Lambs Inventory by County 2012 Census of Agriculture

As an aid, this map displays sheep density by county from the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The January 2015 estimates in this report are state level only.

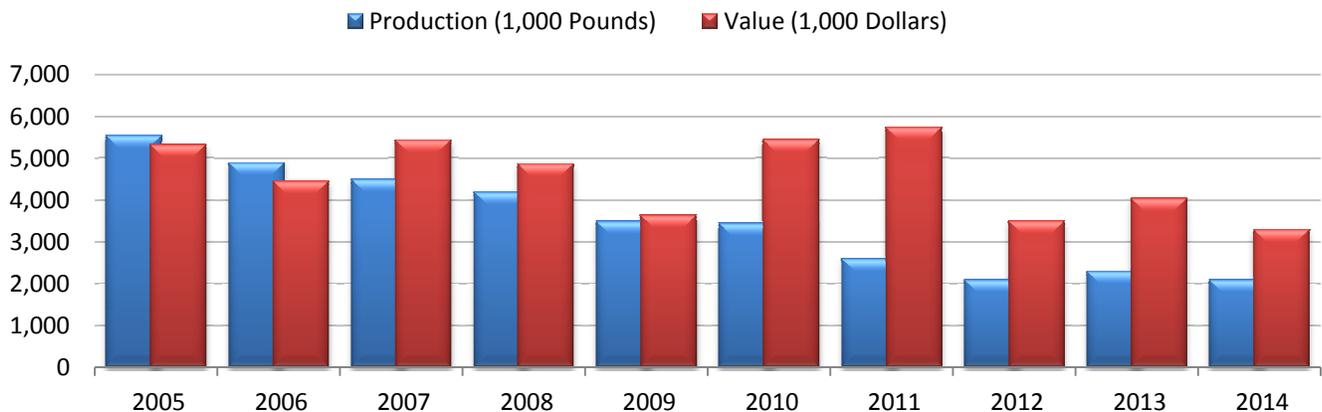


**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 290 thousand sheep and lambs during 2014, down 6 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 2.10 million pounds during 2014, 9 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2013, at 7.2 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 19 percent from the previous year to 3.30 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.57 during 2014, 11 percent lower than the average for 2013.

### Texas Wool Production, Price and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2012	290	7.2	2,100	1.67	3,507
2013	310	7.4	2,300	1.76	4,048
2014	290	7.2	2,100	1.57	3,297

### Texas Wool Production and Value



**Texas Sheep Inventory (January 2015)**

USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Southern Plains Regional Field Office

**U.S. Highlights:** Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.28 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from 2014. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.94 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.11 million head, were 1 percent higher than last year. The 2014 lamb crop totaled 3.44 million head, up 2 percent from 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, 4 percent higher than 2013.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.35 million head on January 1, 2015. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 327 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 163 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 267 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 503 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 85 thousand head.

### United States Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2013	2014	2015	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs .....	5,335	5,245	5,280	101
Breeding Sheep and Lambs.....	3,975	3,900	3,935	101
Ewes 1 year and older .....	3,135	3,090	3,110	101
Rams 1 year and older.....	175	175	175	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old .....	660	635	650	102
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	1,360	1,345	1,345	100
Sheep 1 year old and over .....	75	81	85	105
Lambs under 1 year old.....	1,285	1,264	1,260	100
Under 65 pounds .....	320	340	327	96
65-84 pounds.....	160	148	163	110
85-105 pounds.....	305	323	267	83
Over 105 pounds .....	500	453	503	111
Lamb Crop .....	3,370	3,440		

*A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 23,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 71 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.*

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